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Gentlemen:

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In response to your request dated August 29, 1975, the Commission has issued the enclosed Amendments Nos. 18 and 17 to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56 for the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3.

These amendments consist of license amendments and Technical Specifications changes relating to the receipt, possession, and use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear material.

Our current procedure for the licensing of byproduct, source and special nuclear materials included in reactor licenses is not to specify quantity limits. Therefore, we have issued these amendments consistent with that procedure.

Copies of the related Safety Evaluation and the Federal Register Notice also are enclosed.

Sincerely,

George Lear, Chief Operating Reactors Branch #3 Division of Operating Reactors

Enclosures:

- 1. Amendment No. 18 to Operating License DPR-44
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DOCKET NO. 50-277

PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT 2

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 18 License No. DPR-44

- 1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company, (the licensees) dated December 16, 1974, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; and
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.
 - E. The receipt, possession and use of the byproduct, source and special nuclear material as authorized by this license, as amended, will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, including Sections 30.33, 40.32, 70.23 and 70.31.
 - F. An environmental statement or negative declaration need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.
- 2. Accordingly, the license is amended by a change to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment,

and Facility Operating License No. DPR-44, as amended, is hereby further amended by replacing in their entirety paragraphs 2.B.(2), 2.B.(3), and 2.B.(5) and adding paragraph 2.B.(4) thereof with the following:

- Philadelphia Electric Company, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended, as of December 15, 1975;
 - (3) Philadelphia Electric Company, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, and 70 to receive, possess and use at any time any byproduct, source and special nuclear material as sealed neutron sources for reactor startup, sealed sources for reactor instrumentation and radiation monitoring equipment calibration, and as fission detectors in amounts as required;
 - (4) Philadelphia Electric Company, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70 to receive, possess and use in amounts as required any byproduct, source, or special nuclear material without restriction to chemical or physical form for sample analysis or instrument calibration or when associated with radioactive apparatus or components;
 - (5) Philadelphia Electric Company, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not to separate, such byproduct and special nuclear material as may be produced by operation of the facility."
- 3. Accordingly, the license is amended by a change to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment.

4. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

George Lear, Chief

Operating Reactors Branch #3 Division of Operating Reactors

Date of Issuance: March 23, 1976

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 18

TO THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-44

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3.13 MISCELLANEOUS RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS SOURCES

Applicability

Applies to miscellaneous radioactive material sources.

Objective

To assure that radioactive material is not released to the environment in an uncontrolled manner and to assure that any material released is kept as low as practicable.

Specification

- The leakage test shall be capable of detecting the presence of 0.005 microcurie of radioactive material on the test sample. If the test reveals the presence of 0.005 microcurie or more of removable contamination, it shall immediately be withdrawn from use, decontaminated, and repaired, or be disposed of in accordance with Commission regulations. Sealed sources are exempt from such leak tests when the source contains 100 microcuries or less of beta and/or gamma emitting material or 10 microcuries or less of alpha emitting material.
- 2. Results of required leak tests performed on sources, if the tests reveal the presence of 0.005 microcurie or more of removable contamination, shall be reported within 90 days.
- 3. A complete inventory of radioactive byproduct materials in sealed sources in possession shall be maintained current at all times.

4.13 MISCELLANEOUS RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS SOURCES

Applicability

Applies to the periodic monitoring of miscellaneous radioactive materials sources.

Objective

To ascertain the integrity of miscellaneous radioactive material sources and to ensure radioactive releases are as low as practicable.

Specification

Test for leakage and/or contamination shall be performed by the licensee or by other persons specifically authorized by the Commission or an agreement State, as follows:

- 1. Each sealed source, except startup sources subject to core flux, containing radioactive material, other than hydrogen 3, with a halflife greater than thirty days and in any form other than gas shall be tested for leakage and/or contamination at intervals not to exceed six months.
- 2. The periodic leak test required does not apply to sealed sources that are stored and not being used. The sources excepted from this test shall be tested for leakage prior to any use or transfer to another user unless they have been leak tested within six months prior to the date of use or transfer. In the absence of a certificate from a transferor indicating that a test has been made within six months prior to the transfer, sealed sources shall not be put into use until tested.
- 3. Startup sources shall be leak tested within 31 days prior to being subjected to core flux and following any repair or maintenance.

3.13 & 4.13 BASES

The limitations on sealed source removable contamination ensure that the total body or individual organ irradiation does not exceed allowable limits in the event of ingestion or inhalation of the probable leakage from the source material. The limitations on removable contamination for sources requiring leak testing, including alpha emitters, is based on 10 CFR 70.39(c) limits for plutonium. Quantities of interest to this specification which are exempt from the leakage testing are consistent with the criteria of 10 CFR Parts 30.11-20 and 70.19. Leakage from sources excluded from the requirements of this specification is not likely to represent more than one maximum permissible body burden for total body irradiation if the source material is inhaled or ingested.

6.9.2 Continued

- (3) Observed inadequacies in the implementation of administrative or procedural controls which threaten to cause reduction of degree of redundancy provided in reactor protection systems or engineered safety feature systems.
- (4) Abnormal degradation of systems other than those specified in item 2.a(3) above designed to contain radioactive material resulting from the fission process.

Note: Sealed sources or calibration sources are not included under this item. Leakage of valve packing or gaskets within the limits for identified leakage set forth in technical specifications need not be reported under this item.

6.9.3 Unique Reporting Requirements

Special reports shall be submitted to the Director of the appropriate Regional Office within the time period specified for each report. These reports shall be submitted covering the activities identified below pursuant to the requirements of the applicable reference specification:

- a. Loss of shutdown margin, Specification 3.3.A and 4.3.A within 14 days of the event.
- b. Reactor vessel inservice inspection, Specification 3.6.G and 4.6.G within 90 days of the completion of the reviews
- c. Secondary Containment leak rate testing, Specification 4.7.C upon completion of the test.
- d. Primary Containment leak rate testing, Specification 4.7.A upon completion of the test.
- e. Release rate of Radioactive Effluents, Specification 3.8.B.7, 3.8.C.3.b, 3.8.C.5.
- f. Sealed source leakage in excess of limits, Specification 3.13.3.

g. Effluent Releases

Effluent data should be summarized monthly, except in instances when more detailed data is needed, and the items listed below reported semi-annually on the standard form "Report of Radioactive Effluents".

(1) Gaseous Releases

- (a) total radioactivity released (in curies) of noble and activation gases.
- (b) maximum noble gas release rate during any one-hour period.



UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 50-278

PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNIT 3

AMENDMENT TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE

Amendment No. 17 License No. DPR-56

- 1. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has found that:
 - A. The application for amendment by Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company (the licensees), dated December 16, 1974, complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in 10 CFR Chapter I;
 - B. The facility will operate in conformity with the application, the provisions of the Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission;
 - C. There is reasonable assurance (i) that the activities authorized by this amendment can be conducted without endangering the health and safety of the public, and (ii) that such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations; and
 - D. The issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.
 - E. The receipt, possession and use of the byproduct, source and special nuclear material as authorized by this license, as amended, will be in accordance with the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 40 and 70, including Sections 30.33, 40.32, 70.23 and 70.31.
 - F. An environmental statement or negative declaration need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of this amendment.
 - Accordingly, the license is amended by a change to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment,

and Facility Operating License No. DPR-56, as amended, is hereby further amended by replacing in their entirety paragraphs 2.B.(2), 2.B.(3), and 2.B.(5) and adding paragraph 2.B.(4) thereof with the following:

- Philadelphia Electric Company, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Part 70, to receive, possess and use at any time special nuclear material as reactor fuel, in accordance with the limitations for storage and amounts required for reactor operation, as described in the Final Safety Analysis Report, as supplemented and amended, as of December 15, 1975;
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 - (5) Philadelphia Electric Company, pursuant to the Act and 10 CFR Parts 30 and 70, to possess, but not to separate, such byproduct and special nuclear material as may be produced by operation of the facility."
- 3. Accordingly, the license is amended by a change to the Technical Specifications as indicated in the attachment to this license amendment.

4. This license amendment is effective as of the date of its issuance.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

George Lear, Chief

Operating Reactors Branch #3 Division of Operating Reactors

Date of Issuance: March 23, 1976

ATTACHMENT TO LICENSE AMENDMENT NO. 17

TO THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. DPR-56

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

SAFETY EVALUATION BY THE OFFICE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR REGULATION

SUPPORTING AMENDMENTS NOS. 18 AND 17 TO LICENSES NOS. DPR-44 AND DPR-56

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY

PEACH BOTTOM ATOMIC POWER STATION, UNITS 2 AND 3

DOCKETS NOS. 50-277 AND 50-278

Introduction

By letter dated August 29, 1975, Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) proposed license amendments to Facility Operating Licenses DPR-44 and DPR-56 for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units 2 and 3. The proposed amendments involve the modification of those parts of the Facility Operating Licenses which relate to the receipt, possession, and use of byproduct, source and special nuclear material.

Certain changes to the proposed amendments were made with the mutual concurrence of the NRC staff and the licensee. In support of the proposed license amendments, PECO has:

- a. Proposed Technical Specification changes which (1) provide for leakage testing of miscellaneous radioactive material sources, (2) establish surveillance requirements for the leakage tests, and (3) require retention of leakage test results.
- b. Updated the Radioactive Materials Safety portion of the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Units 2 and 3.

Discussion

By letter dated December 16, 1974, we requested that nuclear power facility licensees provide:

- (1) proposed amendments to the conditions of existing Facility Operating Licenses which relate to the receipt, possession, and use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials;
- (2) the related surveillance and reporting requirements for miscellaneous radioactive material sources;
- (3) FSAR revisions to include information described in Regulatory Guide 1.70.3, "Additional Information, Radioactive Materials Safety For Nuclear Power Plants", of February 1974.

Our letter included standard formats and guidelines for the requested proposals.

The objective of the requests made in our letter of December 16, 1974 was to add flexibility to the operation of nuclear power plants by establishing a more generalized approach to the licensing of byproduct, source and special nuclear materials. This objective would reduce the number of licensing actions required as a result of changes in possession limits of related materials. In order to assure that adequate safeguards be maintained within the framework of this more generalized approach, provisions for more stringent control, accountability and leakage testing of byproduct, source and special nuclear materials were included.

The PECO proposed license amendments, as supplemented and modified following discussions between the NRC staff and PECO, are responsive to the requests and guidelines in our letter of December 16, 1974.

Evaluation

The proposed Technical Specification changes and the FSAR revisions have been reviewed by the NRC staff with particular attention to the Radioactive Materials Safety program. We evaluated the personnel qualifications, facilities, equipment, and procedures for handling byproduct, source, and special nuclear material, as described in the revised FSAR and we conclude that they are consistent with the provisions of Regulatory Guide 1.70.3. Based on our review, we also conclude that the comprehensive testing and surveillance program, as established by the proposed Technical Specification changes, provides additional assurance that leakage from radioactive material sources will not exceed allowable limits.

We evaluated the amount of reactor fuel which can be received, used, and possessed by the licensee under provisions of the proposed license amendments by assuming that: (1) the new fuel storage area is filled with unused fuel at equilibrium concentration, (2) the reactor is filled with unused fuel at equilibrium concentration, and (3) the spent fuel storage pit is filled with reactor fuel which has been used to equilibrium burnup. We concluded by this evaluation that the provisions of the proposed license amendments will not significantly alter the amount of reactor fuel which can be received, used, and possessed by the licensee. The proposed amendments do not authorize the licensee to receive, use, or possess fuel significantly different from that currently described in the FSAR.

We further conclude that the proposed license amendment, as supported by the proposed Technical Specification changes and the FSAR revisions, are acceptable in that they:

- a. Comply with the guidance and intent of our letter of December 16, 1974.
- b. Assure that the amount and type of reactor fuel which can be received, used, and possessed is limited by the onsite fuel storage capacity and the requirements for reactor operation which have been approved previously by the NRC staff and which are described in the FSAR as of December 15, 1975.

c. Provide reasonable assurance that byproduct, source, and special nuclear material will be stored, used, and accounted for in a manner which meets the applicable radiation protection provisions of 10 CFR Parts 20, 30, 40 and 70.

Summary

The licensee's radiation protection program, as supplemented by the FSAR revisions and the proposed Technical Specifications additions, has been evaluated. We have concluded that the incorporation of flexible yet controlled licensing provisions for the receipt, possession, and use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear material into the Facility Operating Licenses for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3 is acceptable.

We have determined that the amendments do not authorize a change in effluent types or total amounts nor an increase in power level and will not result in any significant environmental impact. Having made this determination, we have further concluded that the amendments involve an action which is insignificant from the standpoint of environmental impact and pursuant to 10 CFR \$51.5(d)(4), that an environmental statement, negative declaration, or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with the issuance of these amendments.

Conclusion

We have concluded, based on the considerations discussed above, that: (1) because the change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of accidents previously considered and does not involve a significant decrease in a safety margin, the change does not involve a significant hazards consideration, (2) there is reasonable assurance that the health and safety of the public will not be endangered by operation in the proposed manner, and (3) such activities will be conducted in compliance with the Commission's regulations and the issuance of this amendment will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

Dated: March 23, 1976

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

DOCKETS NOS. 50-277 AND 50-278

PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY
PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
DELMARVA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENTS TO FACILITY OPERATING LICENSES

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendments Nos. 18 and 17 to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56, respectively, issued to Philadelphia Electric Company, Public Service Electric and Gas Company, Delmarva Power and Light Company, and Atlantic City Electric Company, which revised Technical Specifications for operation of the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station, Units 2 and 3, located in Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania. These amendments are effective as of their date of issuance.

These amendments involve the modification of those parts of the Facility Operating License which relate to receipt, possession, and use of byproduct, source and special nuclear material.

The application for these amendments comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments. Prior public notice of these amendments is not required since the amendments do not involve a significant hazards consideration.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of these amendments will not result in any significant environmental impact and that pursuant to 10 CFR \$51.5(d)(4) an environmental statement, negative declaration or environmental impact appraisal need not be prepared in connection with issuance of these amendments.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated August 29, 1975, (2) Amendments Nos. 18 and 17 to Licenses Nos. DPR-44 and DPR-56, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation. All of these items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. and at the Martin Memorial Library, 159 E. Market Street, York, Pennsylvania.

A copy of items (2) and (3) may be obtained upon request addressed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D. C. 20555, Attention: Director, Division of Operating Reactors.

Dated at Bethesda, Maryland, this 23rd day of March, 1976.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

George Lear, Chief

George Jean

Operating Reactors Branch #3 Division of Operating Reactors